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THE Dyet having chosen their Mareschal, 'twas resolved in the next place, to proceed to the Election of a King; As the time came on, the Contention grew greater between the several Parties; The Pope's Nuncio at first recommended only in general the Interests of the Romish Church, but withal spoke in favour of the Sons of the last King, and plainly enough shewed his desire of having the Prince of *Conti* excluded; The Emperor's Ambassador recommended Prince *James*, and his Brothers; and the French Ambassador recommended the Prince of *Conti*, supporting his Pretention, with a great distribution of Money, and yet greater promises (particularly to the Primate) when he should be chosen. In the mean time Overtures were made to several of the Senators and Leading Men, on behalf of the Elector of *Saxony*, and there appeared a great Party for him. The 26th of *June* being at last appointed for the day of Election, the Gentry of the several Palatinates assembled on Horseback in the great Plain near this City, being divided in Squadrons, according to their respective Districts; In the morning the Cardinal Primate sung Mass, and afterwards proposed the several Candidates, *viz.* the Princes of the Royal Family, the Prince of *Conti*, the Elector of *Saxony*, the Duke of *Lorraine*, and the Prince of *Neuburg*, making no mention of the Prince of *Baden*. Hereupon the Gentry of each Palatinate drew together in a kind of a Circle, to consider concerning the said Candidates, and soon after great Acclamations were heard, some crying up Prince *James*, others the Prince of *Conti*, and others the Elector of *Saxony*. The Contest seem'd to lie several hours between Prince *James* and Prince of *Conti*; during which time all possible endeavours were used by each side to gain the other, but both persisting, about 3 in the Afternoon 'twas proposed, to quit these two Candidates, and to join in the Election of a third, Prince *James*'s Party, seeing no likelihood of obtaining the Crown for him, being outnumbred by the other side, agreed to it, and unanimously declared for the Elector of *Saxony*, who by this means had a very great Majority, there being 250 Squadrons of the Gentry for him, and but 80 for the Prince of *Conti*; however the latter would not give it over, but desired the Election might be put off till the next day, hoping in the mean time to make more Friends with the help of their Money; and the Primate accordingly retired to *Warsaw* with those of his Party. The Gentry that were for the Elector of *Saxony* continued in the Field, and sent to the Primate, desiring him to return, which he refusing, they deputed some Persons to go to the Bishop of *Cuavia*, to desire him to declare the Election; He came, and prevailed with them to defer it till the next day, to see whether the Party of the Prince of *Conti* would not consider better, and join with them. The 27th they all assembled again; the Dispute was the same as the day before; at last the French offered to quit the Prince of *Conti*, provided the Imperialists would depart from the Elector of *Saxony*; These answered, That for the good of the Publick, and because they might proceed unanimously in this great Affair, they had quitted Prince *James*, notwithstanding the great Merits of the late King his Father, hoping the other side would in like manner have quitted the Prince of *Conti*, and that therefore it now lay on their part to shew the same regard for their Country, and to join in the Choice of the Elector of *Saxony*; The French continued obstinate, and the *Saxon* Party, finding they were twice as strong as *Conti*'s, insisted to have the Election of the Elector of *Saxony* declared: Instead whereof, about 7 in the Evening the Primate proclaimed the Prince of *Conti*, without observing the usual Formalities, or regarding the Protestations of the *Saxons*, and returned hither with his Adherents, sung *Te Deum*, in the Cathedral which was shut by Order of the Pope's Nuncio, but the Primate caused the Door to be broke open. The *Saxon* Party remained in the Field, and the Bishop of *Cuavia*, with all the usual Ceremonies, Proclaimed the Elector of *Saxony* King of *Poland*, Sung *Te Deum* upon the Place, afterwards repaired hither, and repeated the same in the Cathedral; and about 1 at night the Artillery were thrice discharged round this City, and there were Bonfires and Acclamations for the Election of the Elector of *Saxony*. The 28th the *Saxon* Party met again in the Field (where the Election was made) signed the usual Instrument, and sent 100 Gentlemen on Horseback to Monsieur *Fleming*, the Elector of *Saxony*'s Minister here, to desire he would repair thither, as he did, and returned them Thanks in his Masters Name; all this, while *Conti*'s Party did not appear. On the 29th the Deputies of the Dyet, of the *Saxon* Party, met to draw up the Capitulation which the new King is to sign, and being willing to try whether they could bring over *Conti*'s Party, agreed to a Conference, which was held the 30th in the Convent of the *Bernardins*, the Crown General, the two Under Generals and some other Senators, appeared there on the *Saxon* side, and the Bishop of *Plosko*, the General of *Lithuania*, and the Crown Treasurer *Lubomirski*, on *Conti*'s, but they could not agree; hince which the former have named 3 Persons of Quality to attend the new King on the Frontiers of *Silesia*, and to Conduct him to *Poland*; and Orders are given to make the necessary Preparations for his Coronation at *Cracow*; and in the mean time the Crown General has sent 4000 Men to secure the Crown at *Warsaw*. *Conti*'s Party lessens every day; The General of *Lithuania* has left them, and signed the Instrument for *Saxony*'s Election, and the Primate hardly dares shew himself, the People shewing a great Animosity against him.

Vienna, July 10. The News of the Elector of *Saxony*'s being chosen King of *Poland*, has been received here with much Satisfaction; He has writ himself to the Emperor to acquaint him with it, and to allure his Imperial Majesty that this new Dignity shall never make him depart from his Obligations as a Faithful Elector of the Empire. Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* is gone to the Imperial Army in *Hungary*, which he is to Command. The Siege of *Bihacz* in *Croatia* has proved more difficult than was expected, and not being of Consequence enough to lose more time in it, the German Troops are marched off, with intention to Fight the Bassa of *Bosnia*, who was coming to the Relief of the Town, in case they have an opportunity to do it; otherwise they will hasten to join the main Army. There has lately happened some disturbance in *Upper Hungary*, where 3 or 4000 *Hungarians* getting together they surprized the Garisons of *Tokay*, *Potacke* and *Kaa*, and kill'd most of them; but being disappointed of the assistance they expected from *Poland*, upon the Prince of *Conti*'s Election, which they were very confident of, and several Regiments being ordered thither, these Rebels, who gave out that Count *Tekeley* is coming thither to Lead them, will soon be suppressed.

Dresden, July 16. The News of the Election of our Prince the Elector of *Saxony* to the Crown of *Poland*, arriving here by Express, *Te Deum* was Sung for the same on the 11th Instant in the great Lutheran Church of this City; the Count de *Furstemberg*, to whom his Electoral Highness had committed the Administration of the Publick Affairs during his absence, being a Roman Catholick, had ordered Mass to be Sung at the same time in the Chapel of the Palace, but the Electoress would not suffer it; since which the Count de *Furstemberg* with some other of the Principal Officers of this Court, are gone to wait on the new King, who has given assurances to his Council here, That nothing shall be innovated in Matters of Religion in this Country, and that the Education of the Electoral Prince shall be wholly left to the Electoress his Mother. He was according to our last advice at *Tarnowitz*, on the Frontiers of *Silesia*, expecting the Ambassadors, who were coming from *Poland* with a very numerous Train of Gentlemen, to present to him the Instrument of his Election. The *Saxon* Forces, to the number of 16000 Men, lie near the same Frontiers, and the Elector of *Brandenburg* has offered him the Assistance of his Forces in *Poland*, if there be occasion.

Frankfort, July 17. The French Army commanded by Mareschal *Choiseul*, having passed the *Rhine* at *Fort Louis* on the 9th Instant, Prince *Lewis* no sooner heard it, but he decamped from *Brucksal*, and marched towards the Enemy. The two Armies lie now not above a German Mile asunder.